

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 9-13, and 23 are pending after entry of this paper. Claims 1-7 and 9-13 have been allowed. Claims 15-17 and 19-25 have been rejected. Claims 8, 14, and 18 remain cancelled without prejudice. Applicants have also cancelled claims 15-17, 19-22, and 24-25. Applicants reserve the right to pursue cancelled claims in a continuing application.

Claim 23 has been amended to recite “central with regard to the stationary fluidized bed.” Support may be found throughout the instant specification, for example, in the claims and drawings as originally filed. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending rejections in view of the above claim amendments and below remarks are respectfully requested.

April 24, 2008 Related Case Submission

Under MPEP §2001.06(b), it is suggested that disclosure be made of related pending applications which may contain or refer to information that is “material to patentability” of the subject patent application. In the spirit of this provision, applicants have previously identified pending patent applications in a paper captioned “Related Case Submission” filed on April 24, 2008. Applicants wish to point out that most of said related patent applications have been subject to examination by the USPTO by several different examiners in several different art units and references have been cited by examiners in at least some of those applications. For the convenience of the Examiner, applicants attach PTO-892 reference, forms which have been prepared by examiners in those related applications.

Response to Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 23-24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph for allegedly being indefinite. In view of the cancellation of claim 24, applicants address only the rejection as it pertains to claim 23.

Regarding claim 23, the Examiner contends that it is unclear in regard to what the gas supply tube is “central.” Accordingly, applicants have amended claim 23 to clarify that the gas supply tube is “central in regard to the stationary fluidized bed.” Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that claim 23 is compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection under same.

Response to Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103

The Examiner has rejected claims 15-17, 20, and 24-25 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,505,907 (“Hiltunen”). The Examiner has also rejected claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Hiltunen in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,884,620 (“Rammler”). Finally, the Examiner has rejected claims 19 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Hiltunen in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,995,987 (“MacAskill”).

Solely for the purpose of furthering prosecution, and in no way constituting prejudice towards or waiver of any subject matter, applicants have cancelled claims 15-17, 19-22, and 24-25. Accordingly, applicants believe the above-mentioned rejections under 35 U.S.C.

§§102 and 103 to be moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request formal withdrawal of the rejections under same and passing of the application to allowance.

Dependent Claims

In view of the allowance of independent claim 1, and the amendment of claim 23 (which depends directly therefrom) to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, applicants respectfully submit that claim 23 is in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending rejections and allowance of this application. Applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Furthermore, applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment and an action passing this case to issue. In the event that a telephone conference would facilitate examination of this application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. **13-4500**, Order No. 4791-4011.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. **13-4500**, Order No. 4791-4011.

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APPENDIX

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